

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Bolin, Anderson, Bartling, Brunner, Craig, Cronin, Deutsch, Feickert, Greenfield (Lana), Haggar (Don), Heinemann (Leslie), Holmes, Hunt, Kirschman, Klumb, Langer, Latterell, Marty, McCleerey, Otten (Herman), Partridge, Qualm, Rasmussen, Ring, Rounds, Rozum, Russell, Schoenfish, Schrempp, Sly, Stalzer, Stevens, Tulson, Werner, Wiik, Willadsen, and Zikmund and Senators Shorma, Haggar (Jenna), Haverly, Heineman (Phyllis), Jensen (Phil), Olson, Otten (Ernie), and Van Gerpen

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing Tony Metzgar for his act of saving a life.

WHEREAS, Tony Metzgar, the son of Matt and Kim Metzgar, is a graduate of Jefferson High School in Elk Point and currently is enrolled at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, majoring in history and music; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Keenan of Chicago, Illinois, developed leukemia in 2014 and was in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Tony signed up to be a bone marrow donor; and

WHEREAS, Tony and Aaron, two complete strangers, were a bone marrow match, and Tony followed through on his pledge to be a bone marrow donor; and

WHEREAS, the medical procedure was successful, and Aaron's life was preserved:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes Tony Metzgar for his life-saving sacrificial action and urges others to consider taking similar actions to help those needing bone marrow transplants.

